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POSTAL REGULATORY
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Docket RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Volunteers of America Colorado Branch and the hundreds of thousands of Coloradans we serve, I am writing to urge that you reconsider any postal rate increases, especially the proposed increases more than double the average annual cost of living increase we would expect. It is difficult to explain the magnitude an increase of this nature will have on our outreach to clients (often required of us by government grants), and how it will cut into the lifeblood of our fundraising efforts.

Volunteers of America Colorado Branch has a tremendous presence throughout the state of Colorado. Our Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver hundreds of thousands of meals to homebound seniors, year after year, thanks to concerted efforts to recruit, train, and retain dedicated individuals for this service. Our Growing Home Veterans programs, likewise, are deeply engaged all across the state, with multiple offices serving far-flung Western communities and the struggling veterans who work and rebuild their lives in partnership with us. Wherever we find a need, we are dedicated to serving those most vulnerable to problems of aging, becoming educated, staying safe, being housed, being fed, given hope.

Our work will be dramatically impacted by a postage increase totaling 40 percent over the next five years. Any expense, such as postage, that exceeds current expenditures, could result in reductions of service and will most assuredly result in less efficiency in communicating with our clients, our donors, our supporters, our volunteers, our legislators, and our community partners.

Volunteers of America Colorado Branch strongly urges the Postal Regulatory Commission to reverse course on this excessive proposed rate increase.

Sincerely,

David K. Schunk
President and CEO

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